

REMARKSRejections Pursuant to 35 USC § 102

The Examiner has rejected independent claims 1 and 33 as anticipated by Cabrera et al. (WO 98/58253) along with dependent claims 2-13, 15, and 17-23. Namely, the Examiner states that Cabrera discloses a monolithic sorbent of "bodies that have macropores".

As indicated by the Examiner, claim 16 would be allowable if written in independent form. Therefore, claim 16 has been canceled as indicated above, with the noted feature of a "through-bore" channel incorporated into independent claims 1 and 33. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests removal of rejections pursuant to 35 USC § 102.

Rejections pursuant to 35 USC § 103

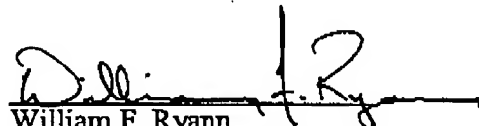
The Examiner has rejected independent claim 18 as unpatentable over Tom et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,704,965) in view of Maroldo et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,104,530). Dependent claims 13 and 19-23 are similarly rejected. In response to this rejection, applicant previously provided an improper terminal disclaimer executed by an attorney not of record. However, pursuant to a teleconference with the Examiner, a proper terminal disclaimer was subsequently submitted by fax. In conjunction with this Response, applicant again submits a copy of this proper terminal disclaimer with a copy of the transmission report and respectfully requests removal of rejections pursuant to 35 USC § 102.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (203) 794-1100 should this be seen as helpful in prosecution of this application.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0860.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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